## Colleges and Universities

**At 10:21 a.m. on October 21, 2021,** thousands of people will “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” in The Great Montana ShakeOut, the state's largest earthquake drill ever! All colleges and universities are encouraged to participate in the drill (or plan a more extensive exercise).

Major earthquakes may happen anywhere you live, work, or travel. The ShakeOut is our chance to practice how to protect ourselves, and for everyone to become prepared. The goal is to prevent a major earthquake from becoming a catastrophe for you, your organization, and your community.

Why is a “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill important? To respond quickly you must practice often. You may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake before strong shaking knocks you down, or something falls on you.

Millions of people worldwide have participated in Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills since 2008. The Great Montana ShakeOut is held in the month of October each year.

**Everyone can participate!** Individuals, families, businesses, schools, colleges, government agencies and organizations are all invited to register.

## Register today at ShakeOut.org/montana

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Here are a few suggestions for what colleges can do to participate in the ShakeOut. Learn more at ShakeOut.org/montana/howtoparticipate and ShakeOut.org/highereducation.

#### Plan Your Drill:

- **Register** at ShakeOut.org/montana/register to be counted as participating, get email updates, and more.
- **Download** a Drill Broadcast recording from ShakeOut.org/montana/drill/broadcast.
- Have a “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill at 10:21 a.m. on October 21. You can also practice other aspects of your emergency plan.
- Discuss what you learned and make improvements.

#### Get Prepared for Earthquakes:

- **Check** your emergency supplies and equipment; make sure they are accessible and functional.
- **Ask** departments to inspect facilities for items that might fall and cause injury and secure them.
- **Encourage** staff and students to prepare at home.
- **Provide** CERT training for staff and students.

#### Share the ShakeOut:

- **Encourage** students and staff to ask their friends, families and neighbors to register.
- **Ask** colleagues at other schools to participate.
- **Find** posters, flyers, and other materials for promoting the ShakeOut at ShakeOut.org/montana/resources.
- **Share** photos and stories of your drill at ShakeOut.org/montana/share.

As a registered ShakeOut Participant you will:

- Learn what you can do to get prepared
- Be counted in the largest earthquake drill ever
- Receive ShakeOut news and other earthquake information
- Set an example that motivates others to participate

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